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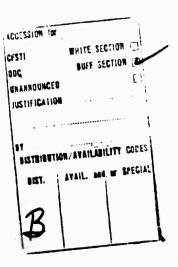
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INTRODUCTION

The test samples used in this electromagnetic interference (EMI) study were typical engine-generator (E-G) sets procured by the Army Materiel Command through the Federal Stock Numbered (FSN) system. Procurement documents required that the E-G sets comply with MIL-E-55301 (EL) Military Specification on Electromagnetic Compatability which has since been superceded by MIL-STD-461A and 462 (Electromagnetic Interference Characteristics). Since MIL-STD-461A and 462 requires different test techniques and interference limits, retesting of the E-G sets was considered necessary to insure compliance.

MIL-STD-461A designates E-G sets as Class IIIB equipment and as such dictates that certain tests be performed in order to ascertain compliance. The sponsor, however, felt that some of the requirements were too strict for this application and ordered the following changes to MIL-STD-461A requirements:

- a. Eliminate narrowband EMI tests completely.
- b. Perform broadband EMI tests both conducted and radiated using automated techniques to the relaxed limits as shown in Figures 1 and 2.
- c. Determine suppression measures and retrofit the E-G sets to ascertain compliance.

The study program began in early FY-71. The E-G sets listed in Table 1, complete with manuals, diagrams, and operating instructions were loaned to NCEL for use as test samples.

Table 1. Test Sample Identification

Test Sample	Frequency	Switch Selectable Outputs	Serial Number	FSN	Manufacturer
A	400 Hz	117V 1φ, 220V 1φ, 3φΔ, 3φΥ	Nb68- 3160	6115-017- 8238	Chimera Corp
В	400 Hz	117V 1φ, 220V 1φ, 3φΔ, 3φΥ	Nb68- 3202	6115-017- 8238	Chimera Corp
С	60 Н z	117V 1φ, 220V 1φ, 3φΔ, 3φΥ	06716	6115-879- 9734	J.R. Hollings- worth
D	60 Hz	117V 1φ, 220V 1φ, 3φΔ, 3φΥ	06703	6115-879- 9734	J.R. Hollings- worth
	DC	28V 2 wire	05121	6115-879- 9747	J.R. Hollings- worth
F	DC	28V 2 wire	05118	6115-879- 9747	J.R. Hollings- worth

A casual observation of the test sample E-G sets revealed that they all had the same type of gasoline engine equipped with EMI suppression harnesses and shielded ignition wiring. Figure 3 shows a close-up photo of the harness installation.

TEST SET-UP

The test equipment listed in Table 2, was sent to the manufacturer for calibration prior to testing. Total measurement accuracy is ±3 db. The EMI test equipment was set up in all steel, continuously welded shielding building located at NCEL. The E-G sets were mounted on a copper ground plane supported by a 30-inch high bench. The ground plane was properly mounted to the wall of the shielded building in accordance with paragraph 4.2.1.2 of MIL-STD-462. The test instruments and each E-G set in turn was grounded to the ground plane with short bonding straps connected to the ground lugs provided by the manufacturers. The engine

Table 2. EMI Test Equipment

X-Y Plotter Varian NA BA118 Auto Plot Controller Stoddart APC-10B NA BA118 PF Attenuator Hewlett 355D 0-1 GHz 219-00769 PF Attenuator Hewlett 355D 0-1 GHz 219-00780 IF Attenuator Hewlett 355D 0-1 GHz 219-00780 Impulse Generator Stoddart 91263-1 20 MHz-200 MHz 35 Ai Inch Rod & Coupler Stoddart 92455-1 20 MHz-20 MHz 35 CHF EMI Meter Stoddart 93490-1 200 MHz-1 GHz 292-41 Spiral Core Antenna Stoddart 92943-1 10 KHz-250 KHz DJ66 VHF EMI Meter Stoddart 92943-1 10 KHz-250 KHz AJ 165 RF EMI Meter Stoddart NM-30 20 MHz-400 MHz AJ 165 LF EMI Meter Stoddart NM-12T 10 KHz-160 KHz 66AH10	Equipment Designation	Manufacturer	Model Number	Frequency Range	Serial Number	Cal Date
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	LF EMI Meter	Stoddart	NH-12T	10 KHz-160 KHz	66AH10	6-17-70

exhaust was piped through the wall of the shielded building through tight fitting steel conduit.

The load bank was located approximately five feet from the E-G set under test and consisted of commercially available heater strips mounted on a wooden frame. Each heater strip is rated 1 KW.

The load wiring was kept as short as practicable and were arranged in paralled and placed the required 5 cm above the ground plane. Figure 4 shows an overall view of the test set-up. The individual test load requirement was arranged by interconnecting the heater strips in the various combinations shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Test Sample Load Requirements

Load Requirement	Load Combination
60 or 400 hz 1φ, 120V, 2 wire @ 3KW 60 or 400 hz 1φ, 240V, 2 wire @ 3KW	2 parallel heaters 2 parallel 2 parallel in series
60 or 400 hz 3¢, 240V, 3 wire @ 3KW	2 parallel 2 parallel in series per phase
60 or 400 hz 3φ, 120V, 4 wire @ 3KW	2 parallel 2 parallel in series per phase with neutral wire
DC 28V, 2 wire @ 3 KW	All heaters in parallel

At the sponsors request, semi-automated measurements were performed using the Stoddart Autoplot Controller - APC-10B. This device performs two primary functions: one function is to sweep the EMI receiver through the tuning band in a controlled manner while the other is to process the Intermediate Frequency (IF) information taken from the EMI meter with a peak hold and dump type of detector circuit. The information obtained is then automatically plotted on the accompanying X-Y plotter. The X-direction is proportional to the frequency of measurement and the Y-direction is proportional to the peak value of the measured interference. Appendix A contains representative X-Y plots for the first E-G tests. Because of this type of detector, the plots appear jagged, however, the peak values are correct and therefore represent the desired information. The detector circuit is limited in dynamic range however, approximately 30 db, which limits the magnitudes of the recordings and requires that the signal input to the ENI receiver

be adjusted to stay within the allowable 30 db dynamic range. This is accomplished with an external attenuator connected between the EMI receiver and with pick-up device. The EMI receiver was placed in its most sensitive gain position as recommended by the manufacturer. An additional external attenuator was placed between the EMI meter IF output jack and the input to the APC-10B input. This attenuator was set at the level suggested by the manufacturer for each EMI meter. The sweep speed was set at 11.2 revolutions per minute, a sweep speed acceptable for each of the EMI meters used.

The X-Y plotter settings were arranged so that each piece of graph paper contained information from four tuning bands. As each band was swept and the peak levels of interference measured, the recorded levels were bracketed with calibration signal levels by substituting a calibration impulse generator signal at the input to the EMI meter and resweeping the band with the EMI meter gain unchanged. The impluse generator output is calibrated in db so that the calibration lines may be marked as an absolute level in db v/MHz. To this level must be added the input attenuator factor used in the measurement and the pick-up device factor to arrive at the final value. The antennas used for the radiated measurements change the final units to db v/m/MHz while the current probe which is used for conducted measurements is a current sensing device and therefore its factor changes the final units to db a/Miz. The final units for each type of measurement are placed on the y (vertical) dimension of each corresponding plot and the calibration lines designated in db are used to interpolate the interference peak levels at each frequency.

The two lower frequency EMI meters have flat response characteristics across the tuning bands, while the two upper frequency meters do not. The antenna factors and current probe factors, however, are not flat across their respective frequency bands, therefore two calibration figures are attached to each calibration line. The top figure represents an average of all the factors for approximate interference level determination and the bottom figure represents the absolute level to which the individual factors must be added to obtain the exact interference level. The conversion factors for the various pick-up devices are shown in Figures 5 through 10. The limited dynamic range of the APC-10B does not allow the specification levels to be plotted directly on the graphs when the difference between the specification level and the peaks of the interference level are separated by more than approximately 20 db. Therefore, on those bands which do not show a specification limit plotted, the limit is above the maximum vertical excursion of the plotter. When the limit is comparable to the interference level measured, the limit has been drawn on the X-Y plots. (See Appendix A)

TEST PROCEDURE

All the EMI tests follow the same pattern of testing, that is; conducted EMI measurements are performed first with the expectation that if filtering is necessary, it would be performed prior to radiation testing. Radiated EMI testing would then be performed to determine what shielding is necessary to accomplish the desired suppression. Suppression measures are then to be performed and the test sample retested. By this method, before and after test results may be directly compared to determine the effectiveness of the suppression techniques.

Test Sample A, 400 Hz, 3 KW Generator

The first E-G set selected for testing was one of the 400 Hz units designated as Unit A on page 2.

Conducted EMI. The conducted EMI tests were performed on this unit while it was operating at full load in the 3-phase Y configuration. Therefore, there are 4 traces per band on the X-Y plots. Where possible, the individual traces are identified as N, $\phi 1$, $\phi 2$ or $\phi 3$ corresponding to the L0, L1, L2 and L3 markings on the generator output. The X-Y plots shown in Figures A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 are the data taken during this test. Note that the highest trace represents the neutral lead, however, none exceed the specification limit. The data has been summarized in Figure 11. The existing filtering utilized by the manufacturer is sufficient and amounts to a 0.1 μf bypass capacitor from each phase lead and the neutral lead to the generator case. Figure 12 shows a photograph of these bypass capacitors in place. Figure 13 shows a typical conducted EMI test set-up.

Radiated EMI. The radiated EMI tests were performed using the antennas specified in MIL-STD-461A for each of the EMI meters available. The antennas were positioned 1 meter from the test sample directly in front of the control panel. Two readings were taken per band, one without the E-G set running (ambient) and one with the E-G set running. The biconical antenna however (20-200 MHz) required both vertical and horizontal polarization readings and ambients, therefore in this frequency range, 4 traces were taken.

The results of this test are shown in Figures A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8 and A-9 and are summarized in Figure 14. It is interesting to note that the first out-of-specification condition occurred at 300 MHz and above. The most serious out-of-specification condition occurred between 300 and 600 MHz. A search loop was connected to the input of the EMI meter and the entire E-G set was search at very close quarters for the source of the offending EMI. The front of the engine section demonstrated the highest level of EMI concentrating in the vicinity of the contact points housing. As a result, the shielding effectiveness of the ignition

system was determined to be deficient. This result was a little unexpected since the engine was equipped with an ignition shielding harness.

Suppression Required. The snap cover of the contact points housing, mounted on the front of the engine, was removed and examined for possible leakage holes. A close examination revealed that the existing gasketing, a soft metal gasket intended for EMI shielding, had been glued in place, presumably to aid in maintenance work. The result of the gluing was to violate the metal to metal contact around the periphery of the cover thereby reducing the shielding effectiveness. Figure 15 is a photograph of the points housing cover showing the gasketing partially peeled back.

The gasket was removed, both it and the cover plate were cleaned and then reassembled on the E-G set. The 300 MHz to 600 MHz band was retested for radiated EMI and still demonstrated an out-of-specification condition. However, a slight improvement was noticed. Since the points housing cover is held on by two spring snaps, the two spring snaps were suspected of not providing sufficient peripheral force to effectively shield the points circuitry. Consequently, a new gasket was made from a piece of 1/8 inch thick commercial wire mesh shielding material with a rubber support (adhesive) edge which should provide a better peripheral metal to metal contact resulting from the increased spring snap pressure. Figure 16 is a photograph of the points housing cover with the new gasket attached.

Retesting. Test Sample A was retested with the new gasket in place and this time demonstrated an in-specification condition as shown in Figure A-10 and again summarized in Figure 17. As a matter of interest, the area around the front of the E-G set was again searched with the test loop and again demonstrated a high concentration of radiated EMI, however, the E-G set had been suppressed to within the limits of accuracy to the specification desired, so it was set aside so that the test program could continue.

Test Sample B, 400 Hz, 3 KW Generator

The sponsor, specifically requested that all possible load configurations of one of the 400 Hz units be checked for conducted EMI, therefore, Generator B was selected for this test.

Conducted EMI. The different load configurations were as follows:

Mode 1: 120V, 4 wire, $3\phi Y$. The test results are summarized in Figure 18. The conducted EMI did not exceed the specification level for any of the four wires.

- Mode 2: 240 V, $3\phi\Delta$. The test results are summarized in Figure 19. The conducted EMI did not exceed the specification level for any of the three wires.
- Mode 3: 240V, 1ϕ . The test results are summarized in Figure 20. The conducted EMI did not exceed the specification level in either of the two wires.
- Mode 4: 120V, 1φ. The test results are summarized in Figure 21. The conducted EMI did not exceed the specification level in either of the two wires.

Radiated EMI. The radiated tests were performed on Test Sample B in exactly the same manner as Test Sample A, with very similar results. The results of this test have been summarized in Figure 22. Again the out-of-specification condition occurred at the high frequencies, due to ignition interference (see Figure 14). The source of the offending interference was again traced with the small loop as described for Generator A, with exactly the same results.

Required Suppression. The first attempt at suppressing the ignition interference was identical to that performed on Generator A. The points housing cover was removed and cleaned, the gasket was replaced and the unit was retested. It was discovered, however, that this suppression was not enough. The front of the engine still demonstrated considerable radiated interference when searched with the test loop.

The engine-generator was then removed from the test bench and the ignition coil housing cover was removed, see Figure 23. Here again the existing gasketing has been glued in place and thereby violated the metal to metal contact necessary for effective shielding. In addition, the drive pulley shaft hole seemed much larger than necessary. This hole was the source of the interference leakage from the coil housing.

The proper suppression of the coil housing therefore required the cleaning of the gasket and mating surfaces as well as filling the hole surrounding the pulley shaft when the cover is replaced. As an expedient, the hole was plugged with the same material used to form a gasket on the points housing cover, see the sample shown in the bottom of Figure 16. The rubber backing has an adhesive material attached so that the gasket may be readily bent into the required shape and glued in place. The new gasket was formed to cause metal to metal contact between the pulley shaft and the inside of the hole in the coil housing cover.

The cover was bolted back in place, the engine-generator was placed back on the test bench and retesting at the high frequencies resumed. The suppression described was effective in suppressing the interference, however, it was discovered that when the engine gets hot, the glue melts and the gasket in the pulley shaft hole comes out. Therefore, a mechanical method of attaching the gasket was worked out as shown in Figure 24.

Retesting. Test Sample B was then retested completely for radiated EMI with the results summarized in Figure 25. Conformance with the limits of MIL-STD-461 was then assured. As a precaution, Generator A was retrofitted with a pulley hole gasket in the same manner although it had passed the specification limit.

Test Sample C, 60 Hz, 3 KW Generator

The 60 Hz engine-generators were also equipped with switch selectable multiple output configurations identical to the 400 Hz sets. Since the power rating was the same, the same load was used to conduct the tests.

Conducted EMI. The conducted EMI test on Test Sample C was performed while the unit was operating in the 120V, $3\phi Y$ mode. The results are summarized in Figure 26. Again, the neutral lead demonstrated the highest EMI level. The conducted interference was within the specification limits. The generator output lugs were marked the same as the 400 Hz units had been, however, the 60 Hz units were equipped with additional parallel outputs in the form of a standard 3 prong plug. See Figure 27. The existing filtering which consists of a .luf capacitor from each phase including neutral to chassis proved adequate in meeting the suppression required.

Radiated EMI. The radiated EMI test proceeded in the same manner as described for the previous generators. Again, the engine demonstrated the out-of-specification condition at the higher frequencies, as summarized in Figure 28.

Required Suppression. Both the points housing cover and the coil housing cover were removed and cleaned. A new RFI gasket was installed on the points housing cover and filler gasket was installed in the shaft hole of the coil housing. Both covers were then replaced for verification testing.

Retesting. The radiated EMI was remeasured on the suppressed Test Sample C with the results summarized in Figure 29. The suppression proved to be adequate.

Test Sample D, 60 Hz 3 KW Generator

The test procedure for this generator followed the same pattern as for the others, with minor variations. First, the conducted EMI was measured for all possible load configurations and second, the radiated tests were performed at the prescribed 1 meter distance and then repeated at the requested 6 meter distance.

Conducted EMI. The different load configurations are as follows:

- Mode 1: 120V, 4 wire, $3\phi Y$. The test results are summarized in Figure 30. The conducted EMI did not exceed the specification limit for any of the four wires.
- Mode 2: 240V, $3\phi\Delta$. The test results are summarized in Figure 31. The conducted EMI did not exceed the specification level for any of the three wires.
- Mode 3: 240V, 1ϕ . The test results are summarized in Figure 32. The conducted EMI did not exceed the specification level in either of the two wires.
- Mode 4: 1.20V, 1ϕ . The test results are summarized in Figure 33. The conducted EMI did not exceed the specification level in either of the two wires.

Radiated EMI. At the sponsors request, the radiated EMI test was first performed at the normal 1 meter antenna distance and then repeated at 6 meter antenna distance. The tests were run and recorded on the same graph paper and are summarized in Figure 34. The difference in interference level was negligible, however, when a difference was observed, it was marked on the original data sheets.

Again, this test sample demonstrated the out-of-specification condition at the high frequencies due to the engine ignition.

<u>Required Suppression</u>. As described previously, the contact points housing cover and the coil housing cover were removed, cleaned, new EMI type gaskets provided and reassembled for retesting.

Retesting. Test Sample D was retested for radiated EMI at the standard 1 meter antenna distance with the results as summarized in Figure 35. The radiated EMI fell within the allowable limits.

Test Sample E, 28V DC Generator

This unit was the first of the dc generactors, therefore, the load bank had to be modified so that the required full load current could be delivered for the duration of the test. The load bank modification was accomplished by paralleling heater strips until full load current as indicated by the panel meter was observed.

Conducted EMI. The conducted EMI of the dc generator was measured on both the positive and negative leads. The results of this test are summarized in Figure 36. The conducted EMI did not exceed the allowable specification limits.

Radiated EMI. The radiated EMI was measured in the same manner as described previously with the same results, excess interference at the higher frequencies. The results are summarized in Figure 37.

Required Suppression. The now standard procedure of providing new gaskets for the points housing cover and coil housing cover was implemented and the engine reassembled for verification testing.

Retesting. The results of retesting Test Sample E are summarized in Figure 38. The suppression technique was effective.

Test Sample F, 28V DC Generator

The test procedure for Test Sample F was the same as for the previous unit, with largely the same results.

Conducted EMI. The test procedure and test results for the conducted EMI were similar to those previously described for Test Sample E. The results are summarized in Figure 39.

Radiated EMI. The radiated EMI test followed the same procedure as before with about the same results. The engine demonstrated an out-of-specification condition at the very high frequencies. The results are summarized in Figure 40.

Required Suppression. The standard suppression measures were applied to the points housing cover and the coil housing cover as previously described.

Retesting. The radiated EMI was remeasured with the summarized data shown in Figure 41. Again the suppression techniques proved adequate and Test Sample F now conforms to MIL-STD-461 and 462 requirements.

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. All conducted EMI measurements were within the specification limits, indicating that the existing filter capacitors in all the generators are sufficient as is. Therefore, no change or alternation is necessary on the part of the generator manufacturers.
- 2. All radiated EMI measurements demonstrated an out-of-specification condition at the higher frequencies identified as ignition interference.
- 3. The sources of the offending radiated EMI were identified as poor EMI gaskets on the breaker point compartment and the ignition coil compartment of the engine.

4. The existing shielding hardness on the spark plug wires provided adequate EMI shielding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Additional EMI suppression should be applied to all engines used as prime movers for the 3 KW class of engine-generator sets using the following procedures:
 - a. Replace the existing gasket. (Identified in TM-5-2805-203-24p² as item 1 in Figure 14) U.S. Army Technical Manual with a new gasket made of 1/8-inch cross section wire mesh material. Clue should not be applied to the mating surfaces. The new gasket can be procured with an adhesive tab attached to the edge so that the gasket may be attached to the cover plate. A sketch of this new gasket is shown in Figure 42.
 - b. The existing gasket, (Identified in TM-5-2805-203-24P as item 7 of Figure 16) should be installed free of any adhesive material.
 - c. A new annular shaped gasket formed of the new 1/8-inch cross section wire mesh material mounted on a copper backing plate should be supplied and installed on the cover plate of the points housing (Identifed in TM-5-2805-203-24P as item 11 of Figure 16). The purpose of this gasket is to fill the hole between the cover plate and the pulley shaft. The gasket should be attached and bonded to the cover plate with screws. A sketch of this gasket is shown in Figure 43.

The EMI gasketing material is available under the trade name "Teckstic." It is a wire mesh material of 1/8 inch cross-section and can be procured in strips or in specific shapes as specified.

Department of the Army Technical Manual, TM-5-2805-203-24P "Organizational; DS and GS Maintenance Repair Parts and Special Tool Lists" Oct 1968.

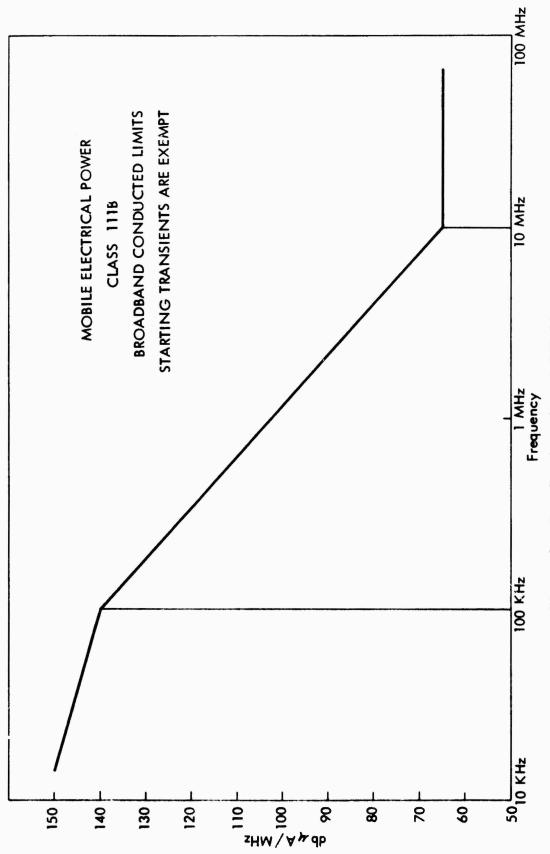
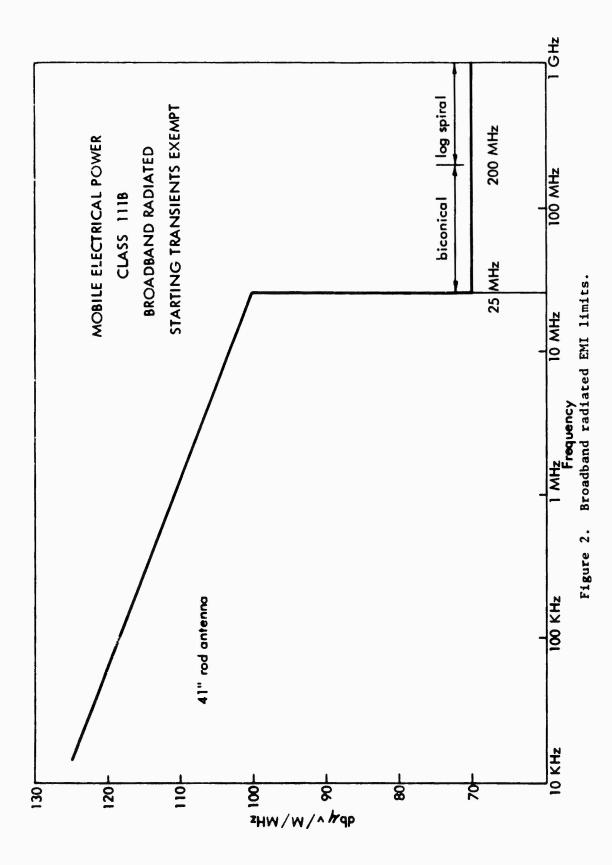


Figure 1. Broadband conducted EMI limits.



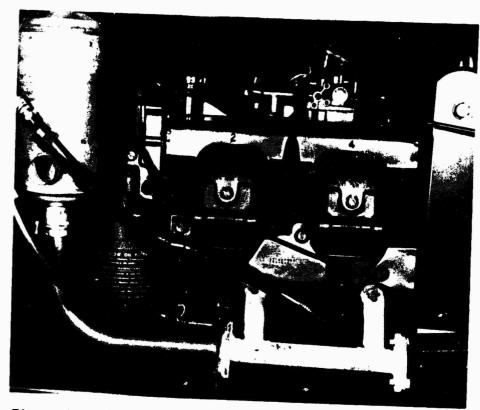


Figure 3. Close up photograph of the EMI shielding harness.

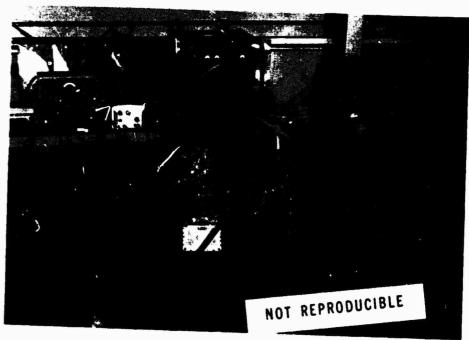


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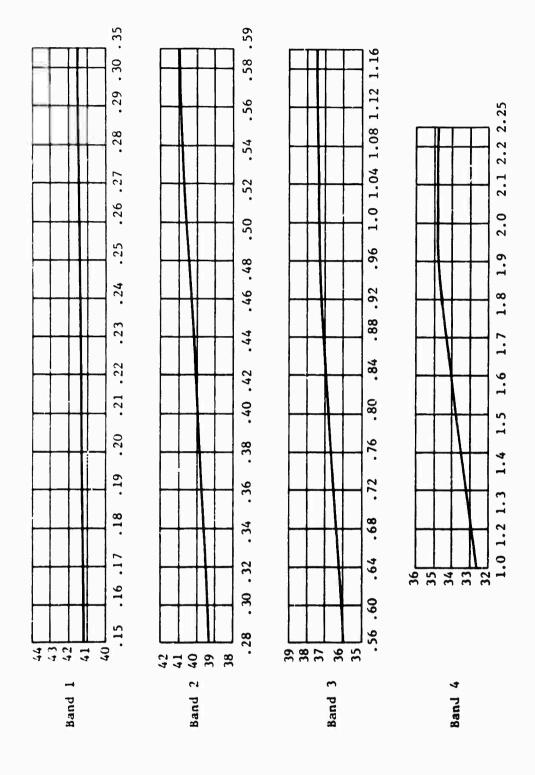
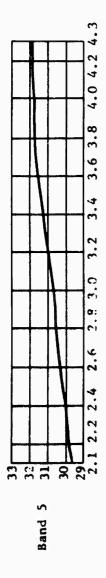
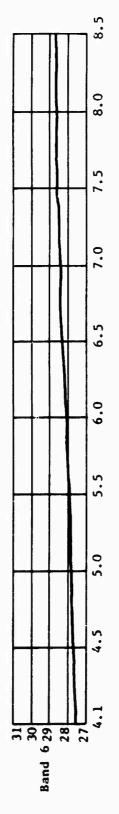
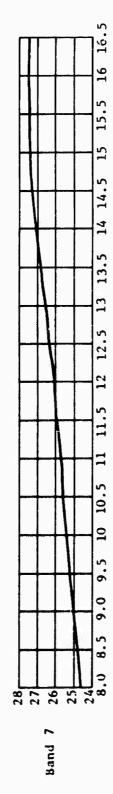


Figure 5. Stoddart NM-25T, 41" rod antenna factors versus frequency in MHz.







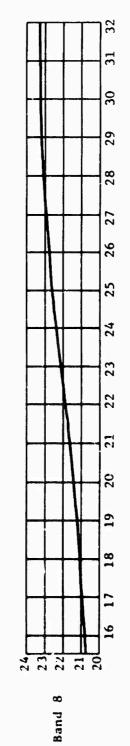


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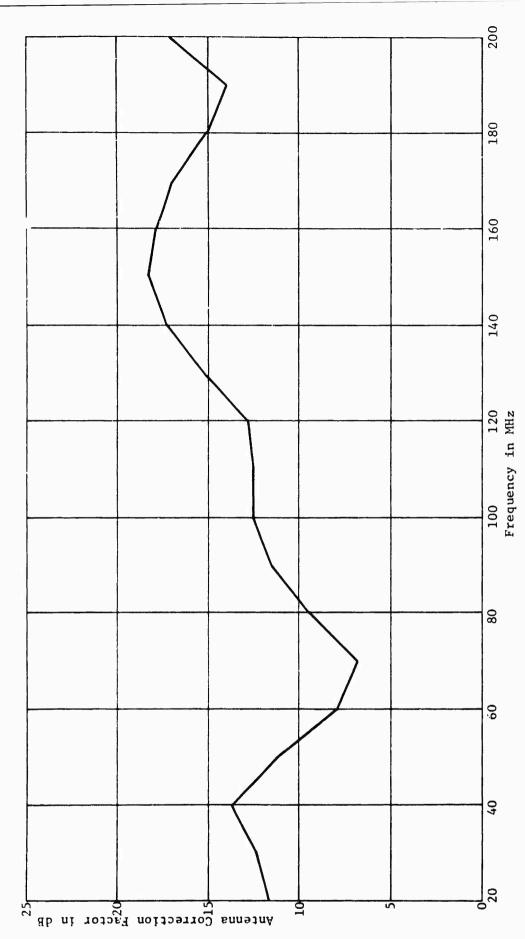


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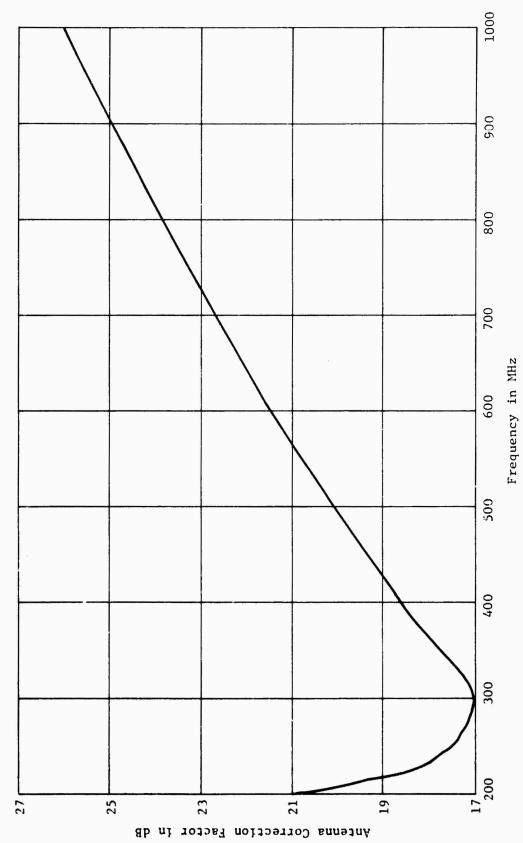


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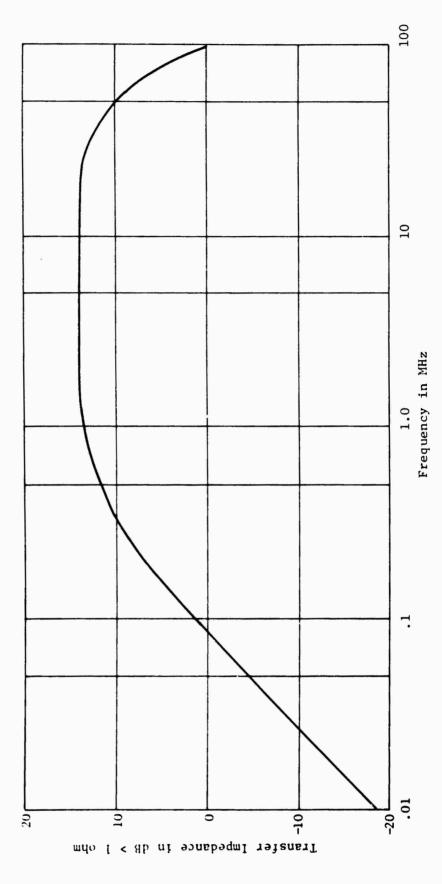
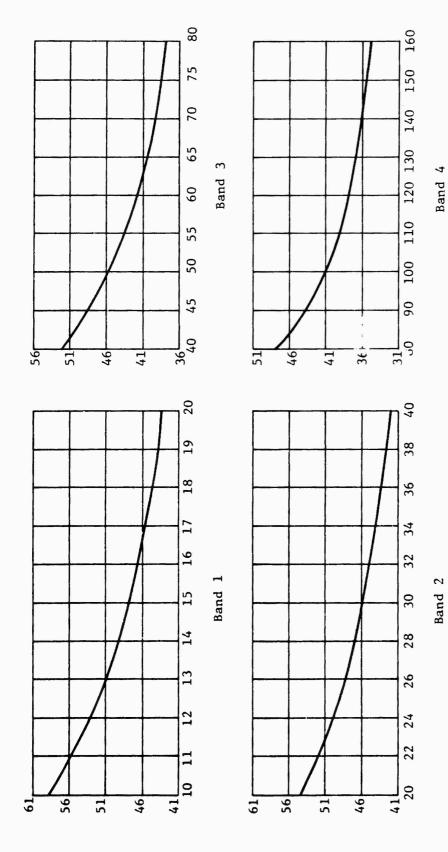
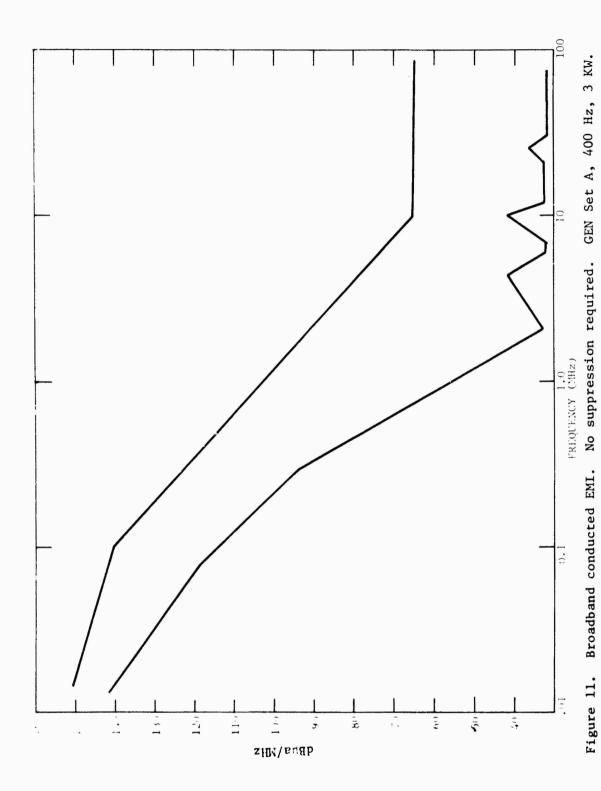


Figure 9. Current probe correction factor versus frequency.



Stoddart NM-12T rod antenna coupler correction factors versus frequency in KHz. Figure 10.



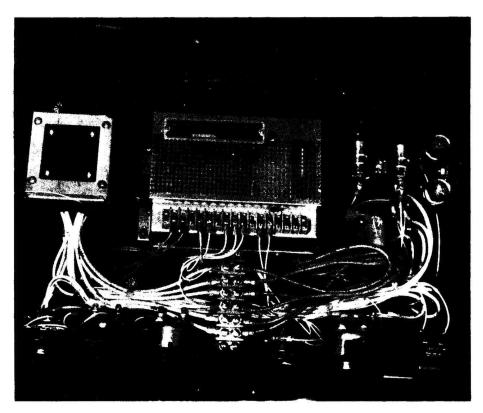


Figure 12. Photograph of .1 μf bypass capacitors used for conducted EMI filtering on the generator output leads.

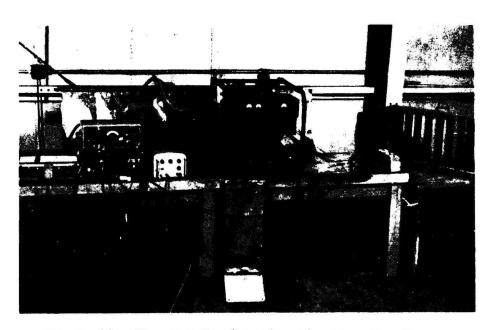
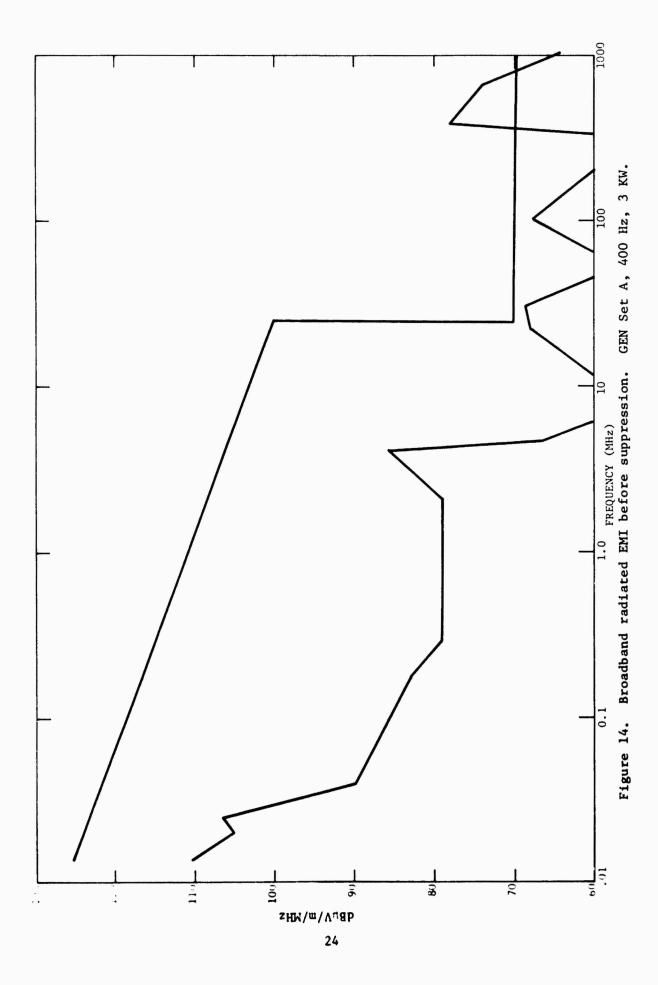


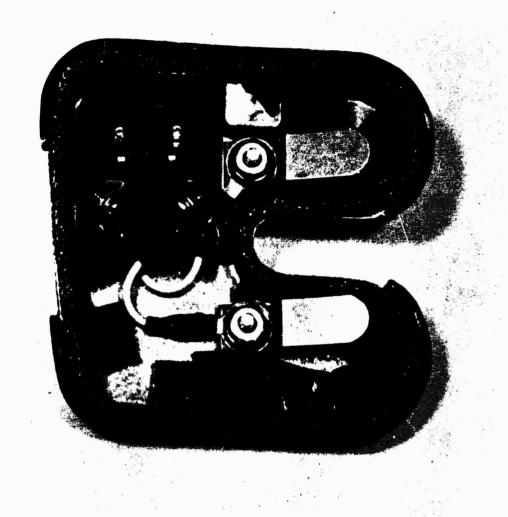
Figure 13. Photograph of conducted EMI test setup.

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Figure 15. Photograph of the contact points housing cover with the original gasket partially peeled back.



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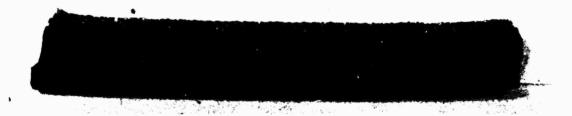
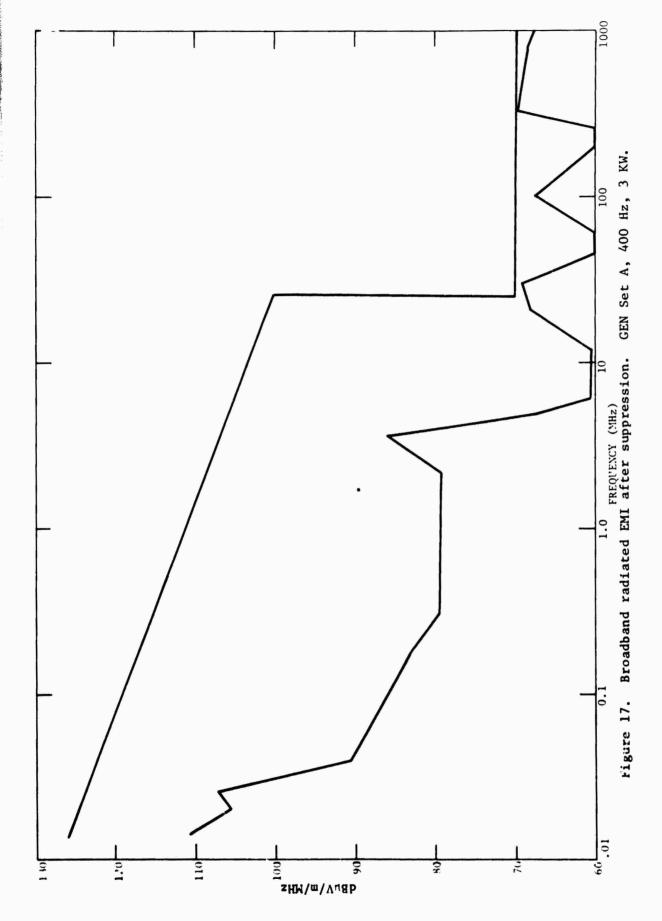
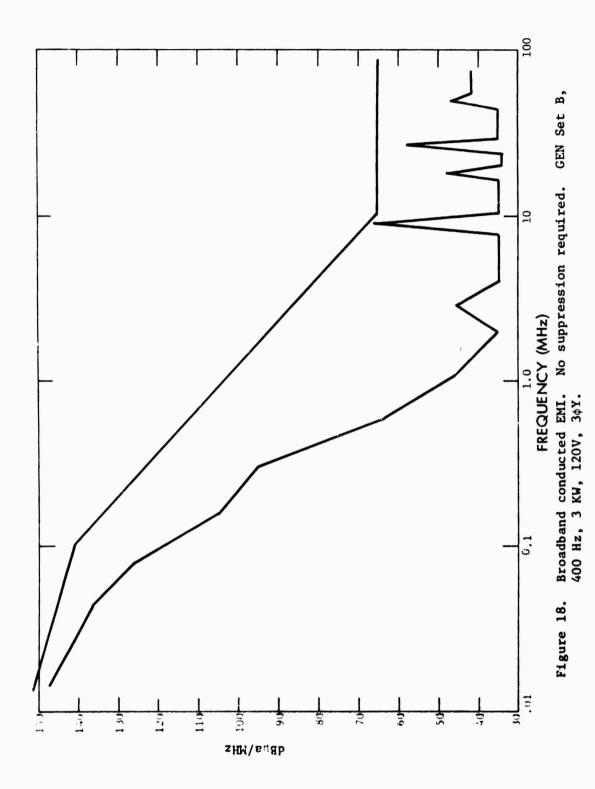
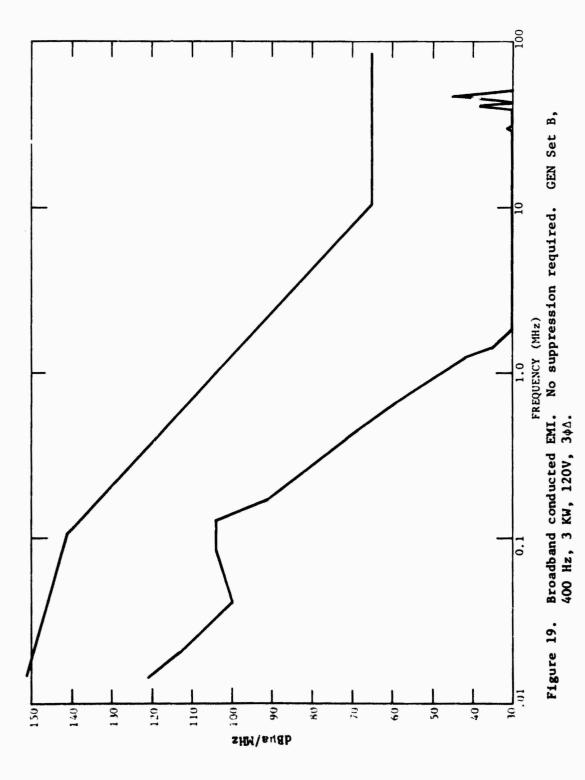
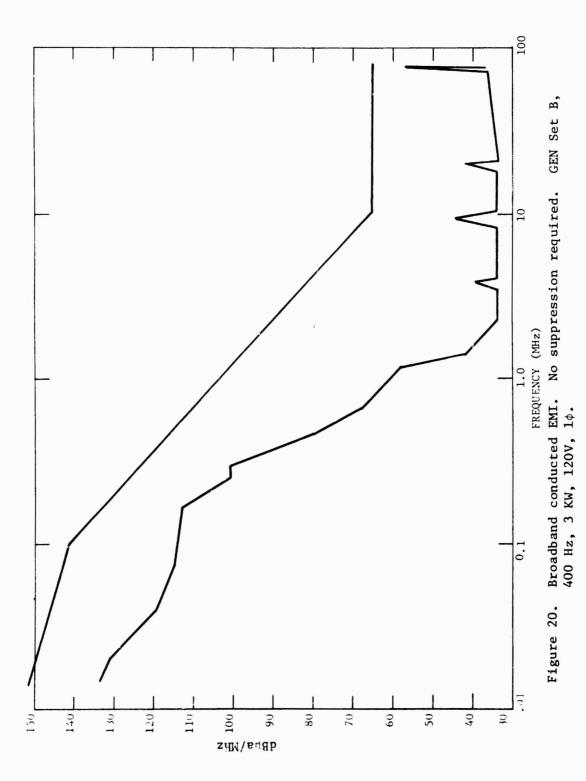


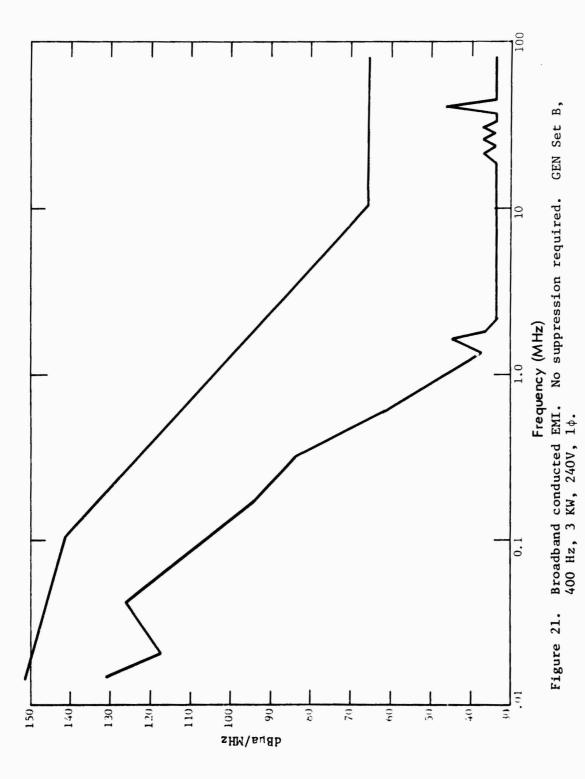
Figure 16. Photograph of the contact points housing cover showing the new EMI shielding gasket installed and a sample strip of the shielding material below.

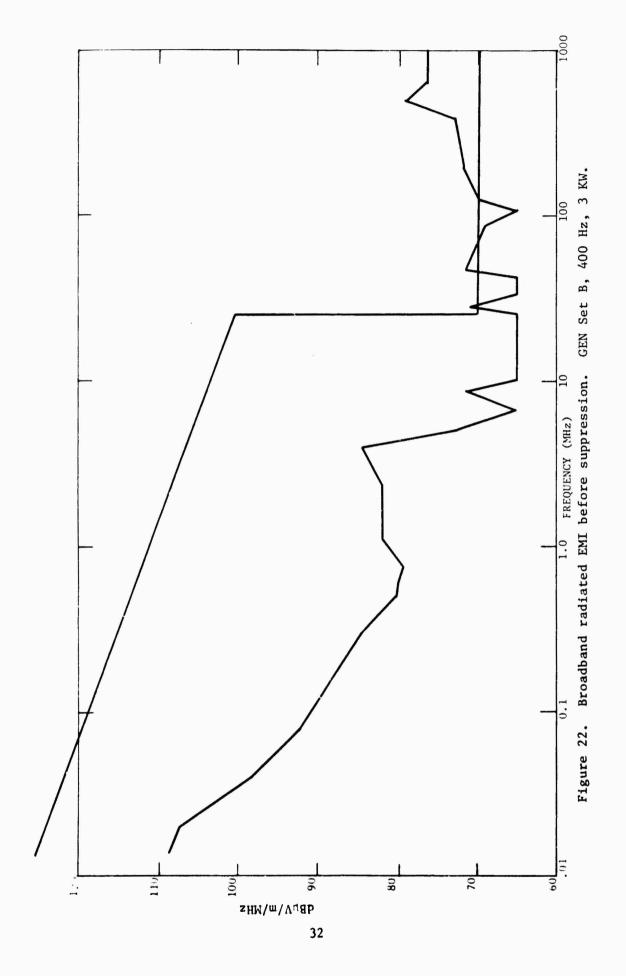












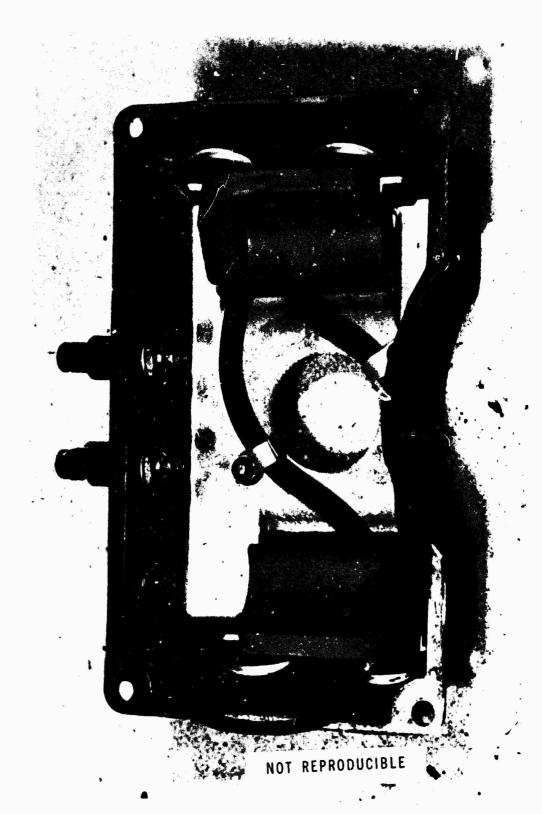


Figure 23. Photograph of the ignition coil housing cover showing the existing gasket and oversize pulley shaft hole.

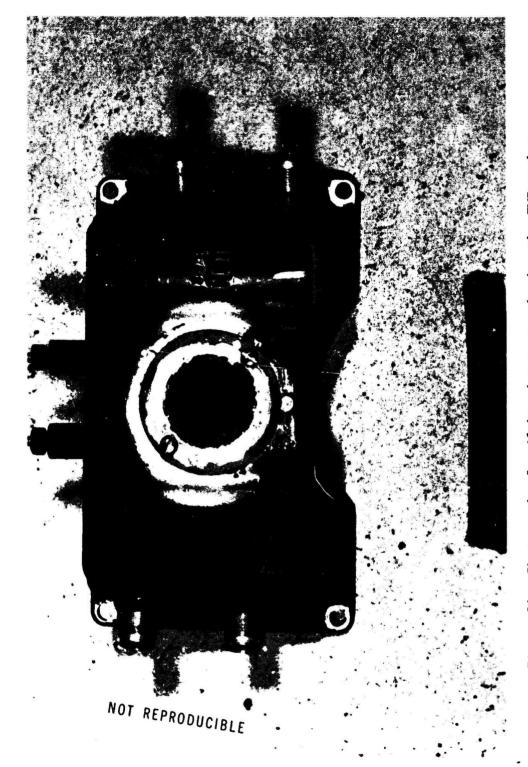
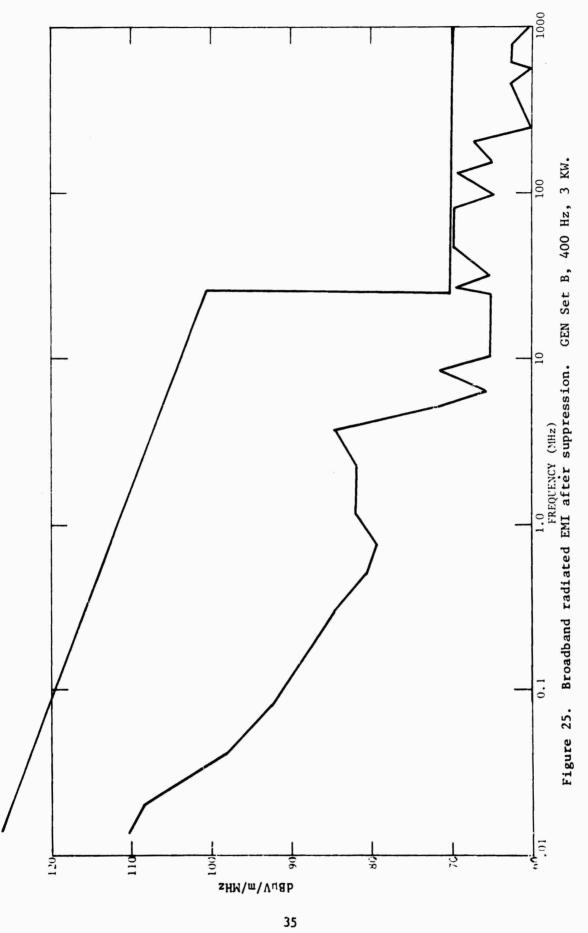
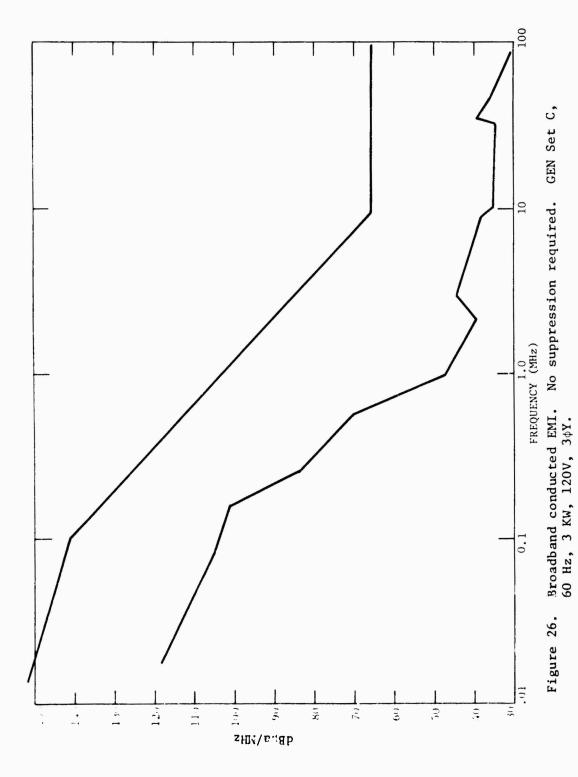


Figure 24. Photograph of coil housing cover showing the EMI gasket mechanically attached to the inside of the pulley shaft hole.





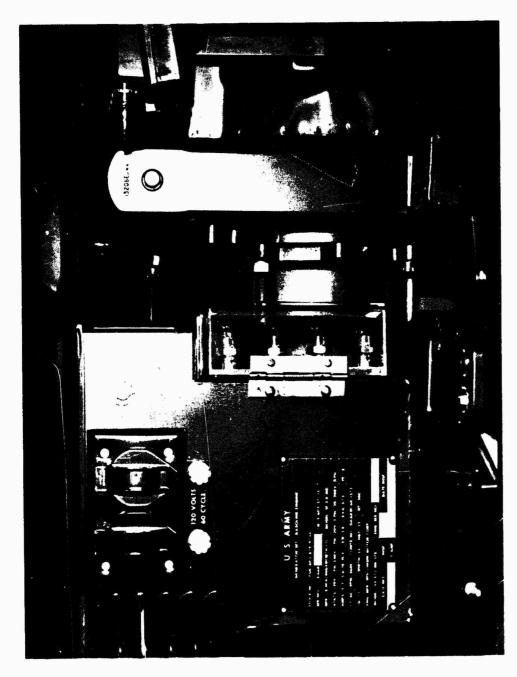
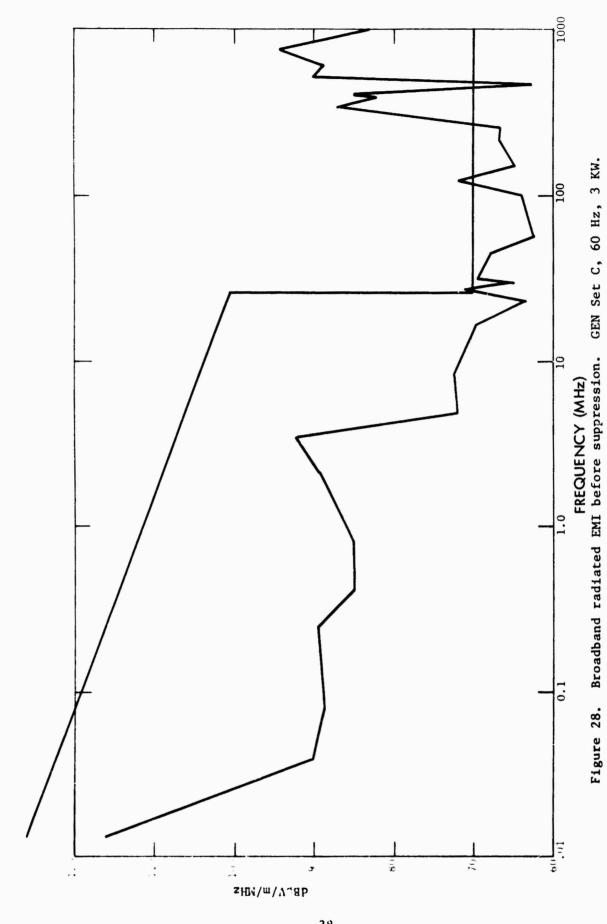
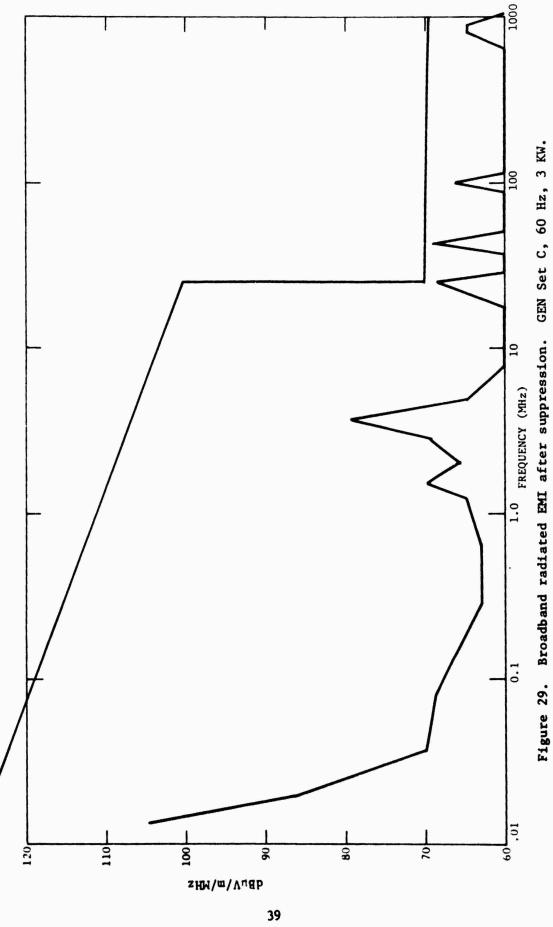
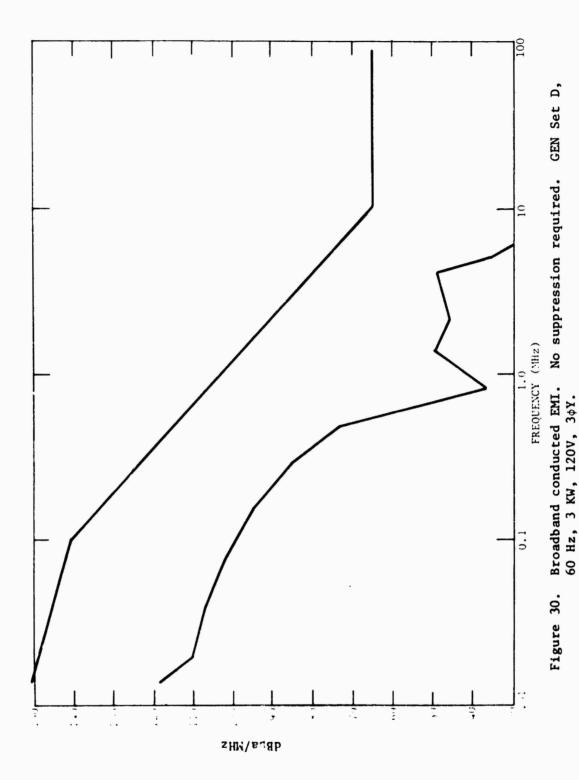
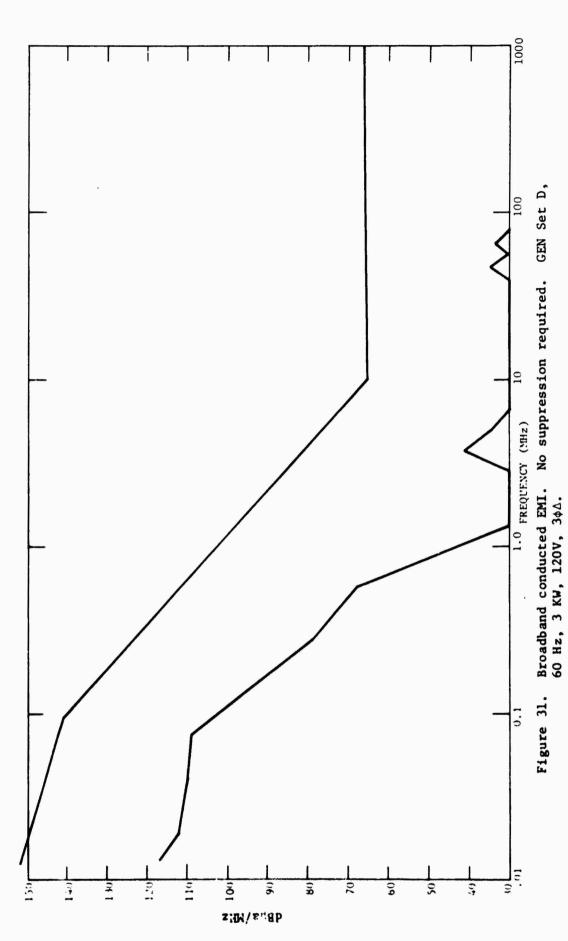


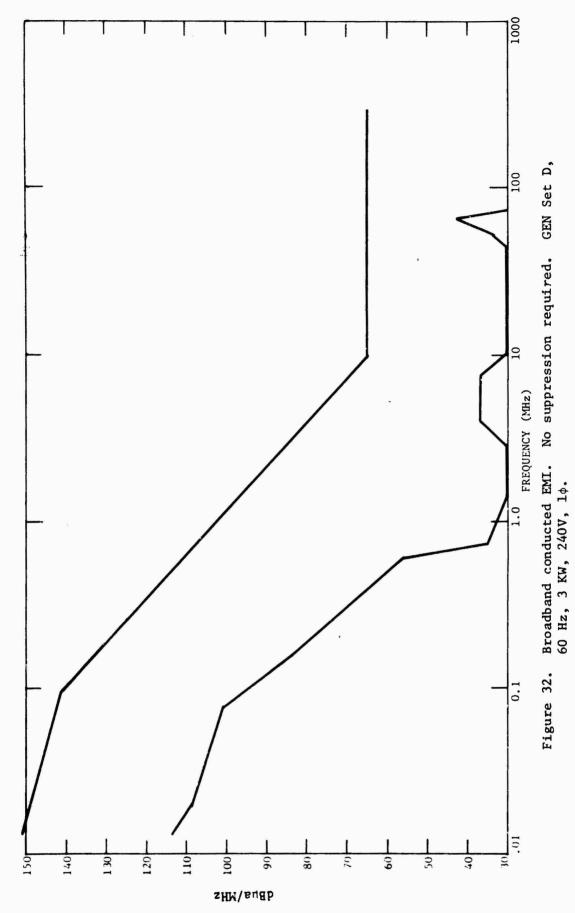
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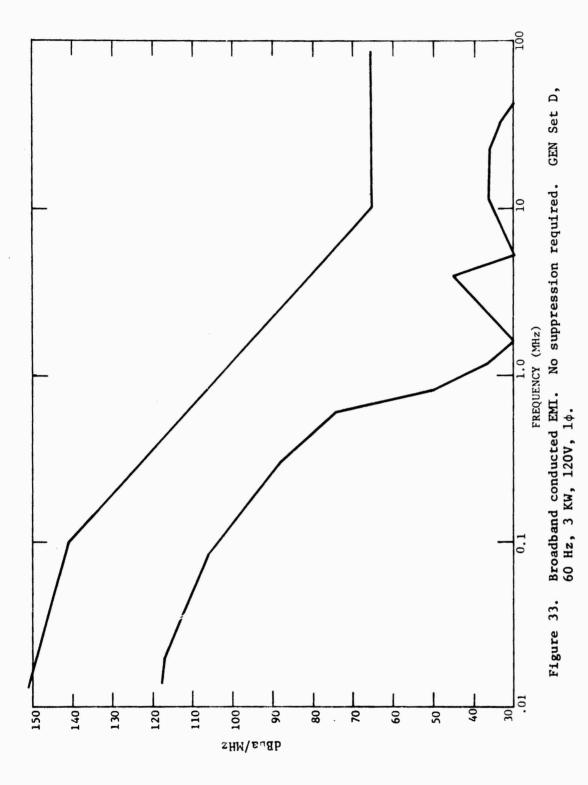


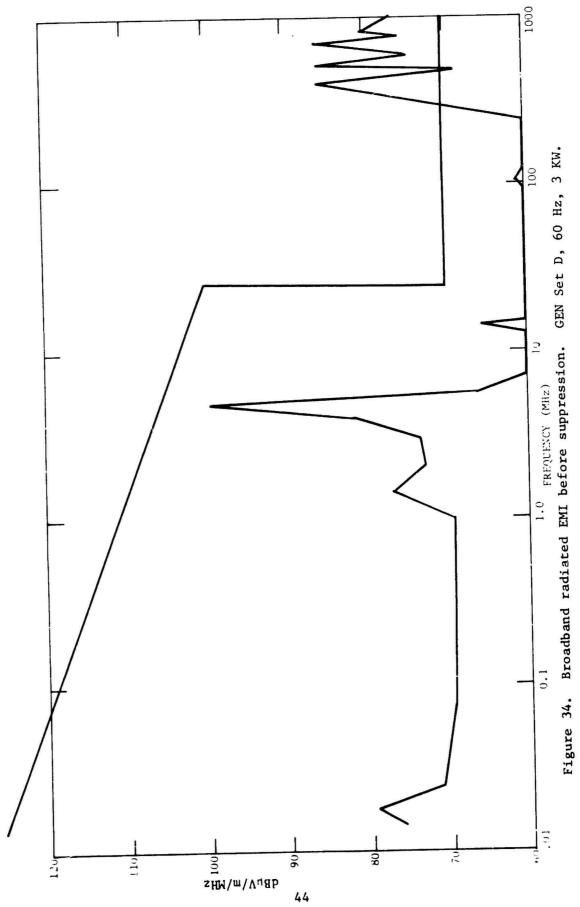


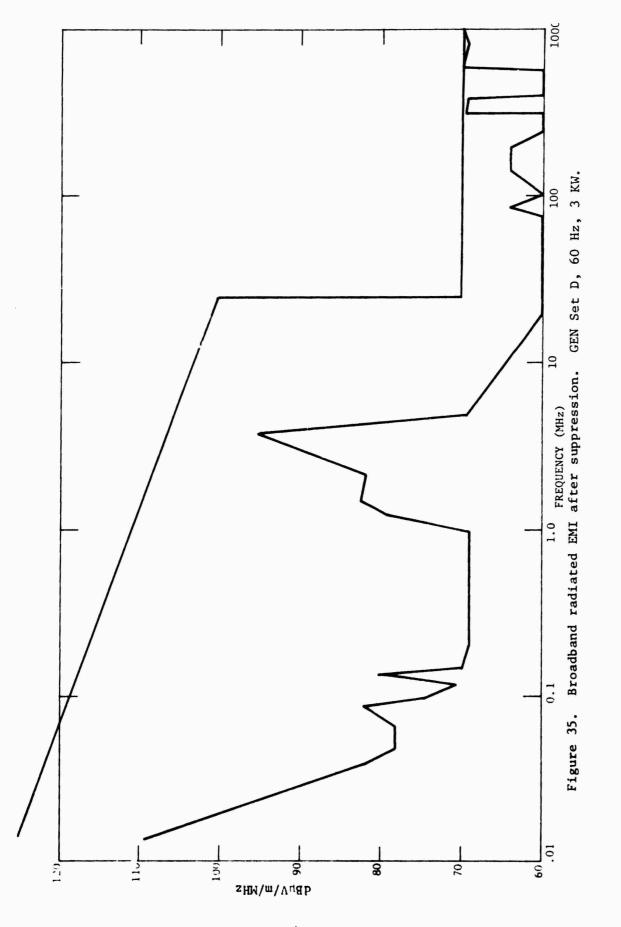


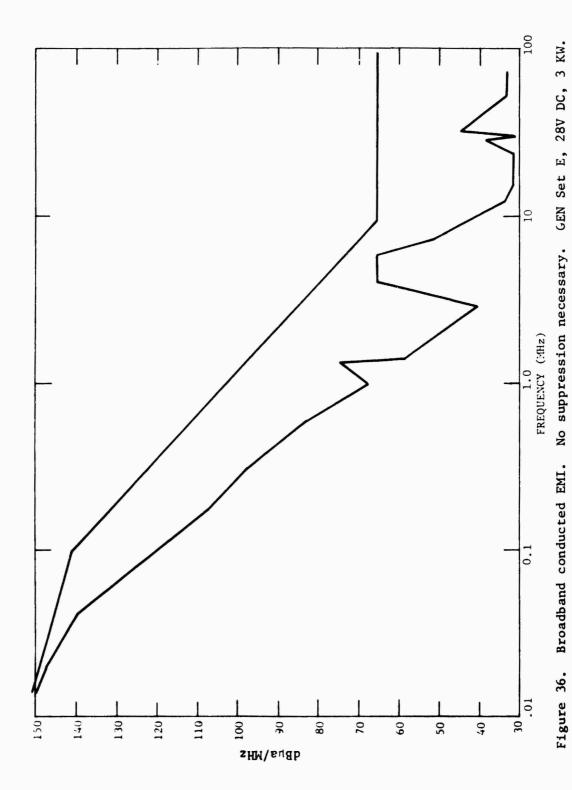


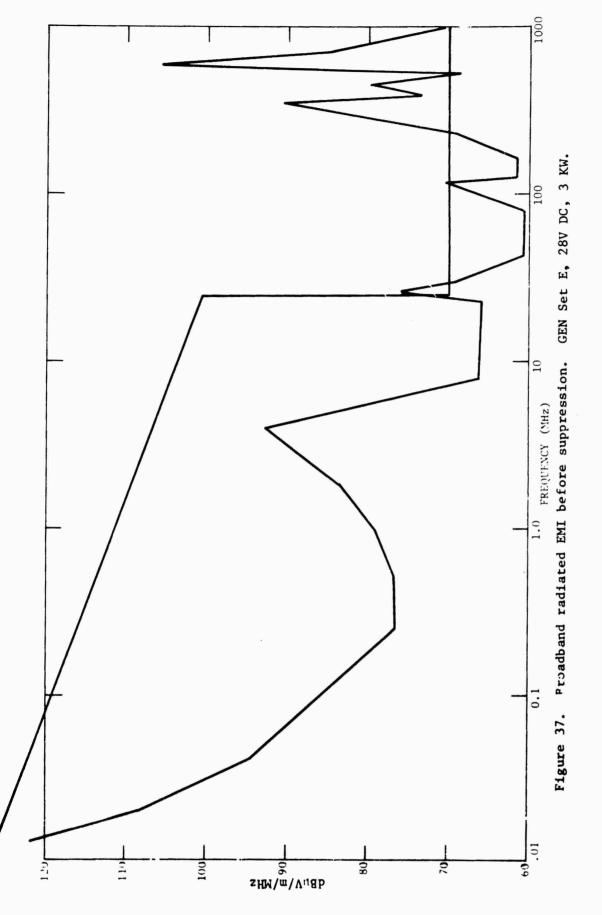


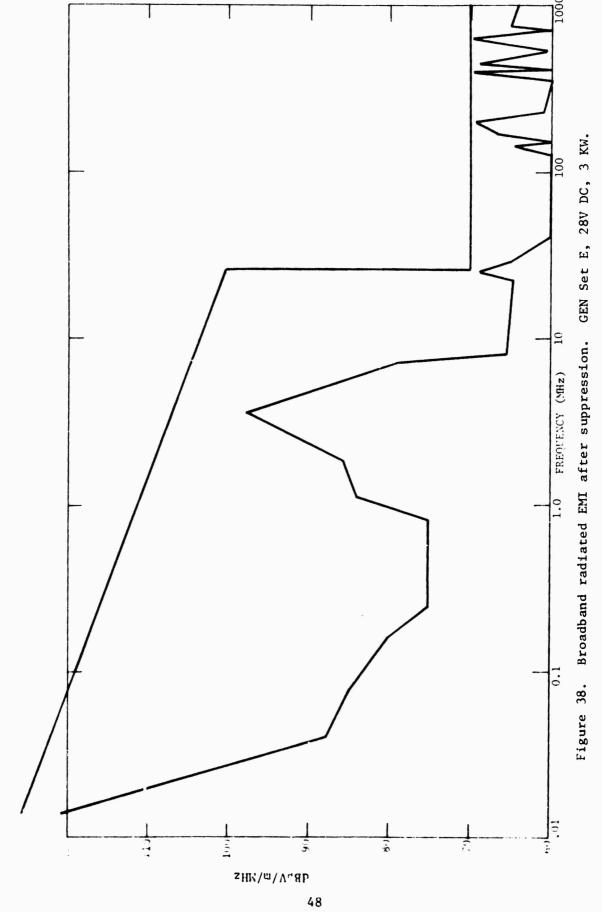


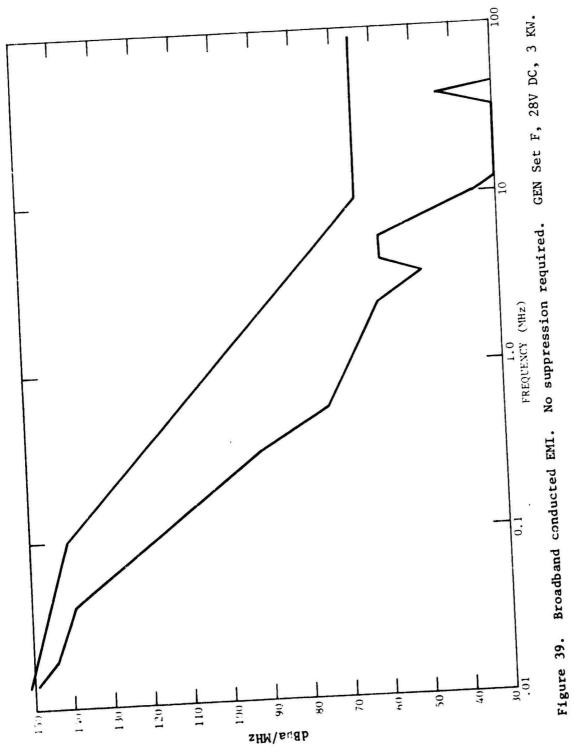












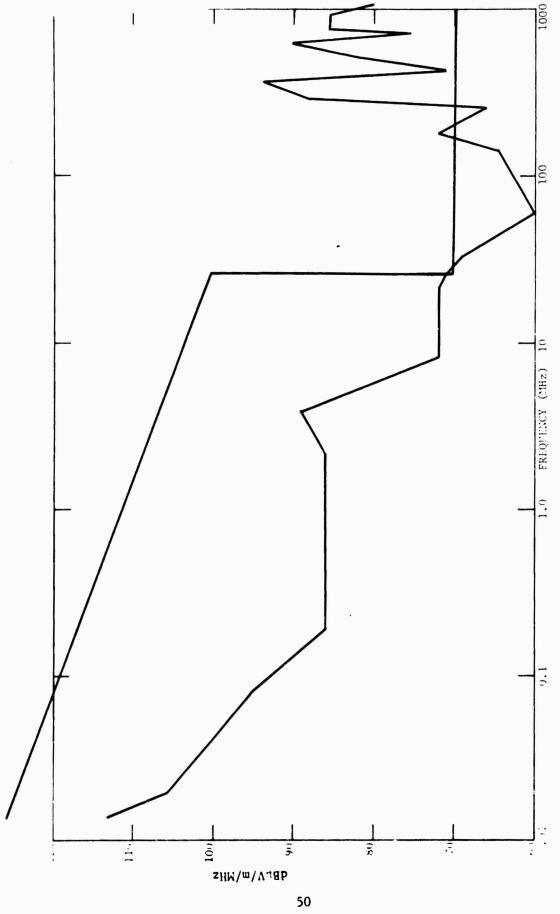
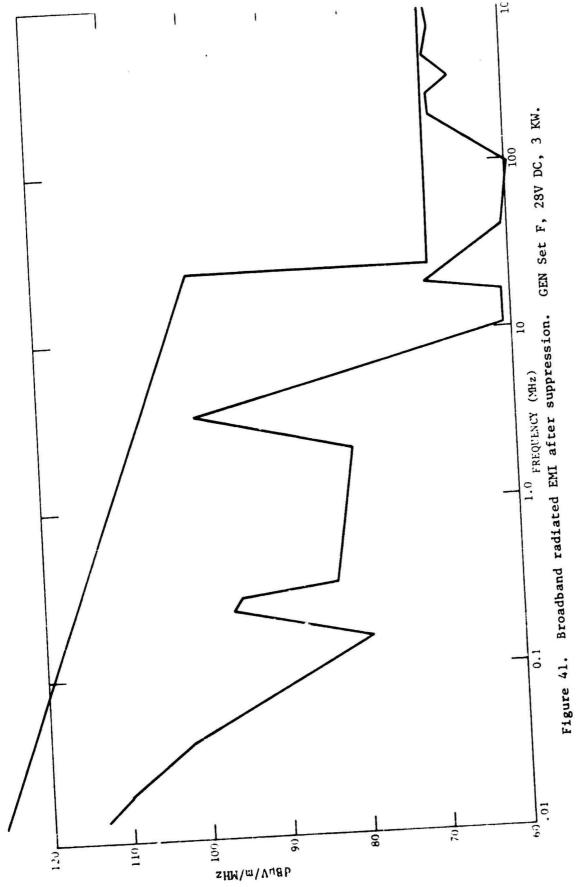
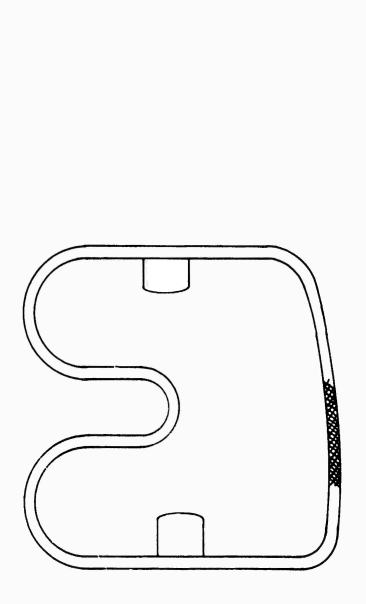


Figure 40. Broadband radiated EMI before suppression. GEN Set F, 28V DC, 3 KW.





Material: Wire mesh with adhesive covered rubber tabs. 1/8" square cross-section.

Figure 42. Recommended EMI gasket for contact points housing cover.

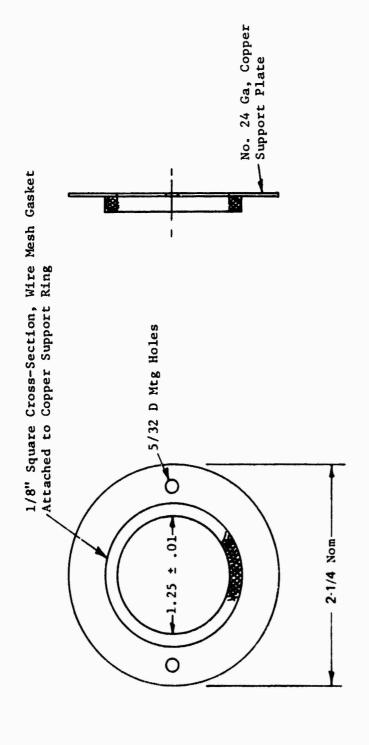


Figure 43. Recommended EMI gasket for coil housing cover, pulley shaft hole.

Appendix A

RECORDED DATA FOR TEST SAMPLE A

Fig	ure	<u>Title</u>
Α-	1	Conducted EMI 10 KHz - 160 KHz
Α-	2	Conducted EMI 160 KHz - 2.2 MHz
Α-	3	Conducted EMI 2.0 MHz - 31.5 MHz
Α-	4	Conducted EMI 20 KHz - 88 MHz
Α-	5	Radiated EMI 10 KHz - 160 KHz
A-	6	Radiated EMI 150 KHz - 2.2 MHz
Α-	7	Radiated EMI 2 MHz - 31.5 MHz
Α-	8	Radiated EMI 20 MHz - 145 MHz
A-	9	Radiated EMI 145 MHz - 1000 MHz
A-	10	Radiated EMI 145 MHz - 1000 MHz after suppression.

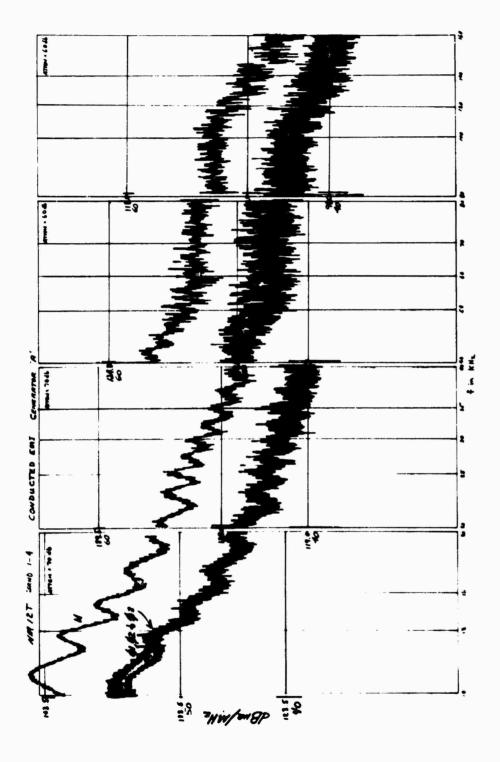


Figure A-1. Conducted EMI, 10 KHz-160 KHz.

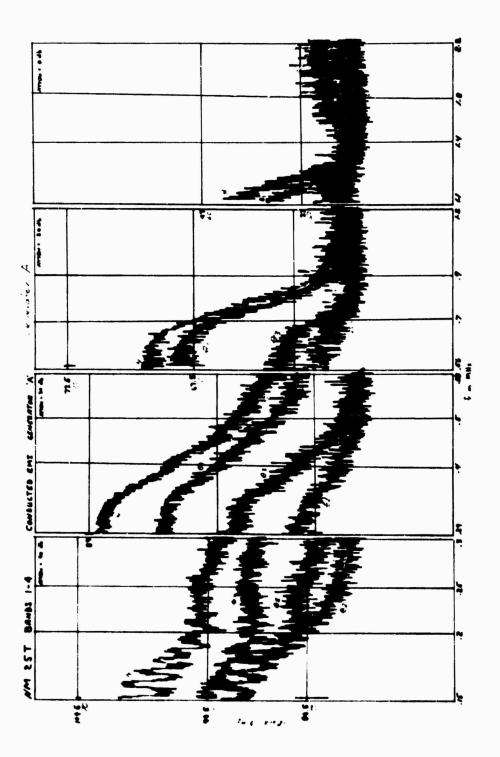


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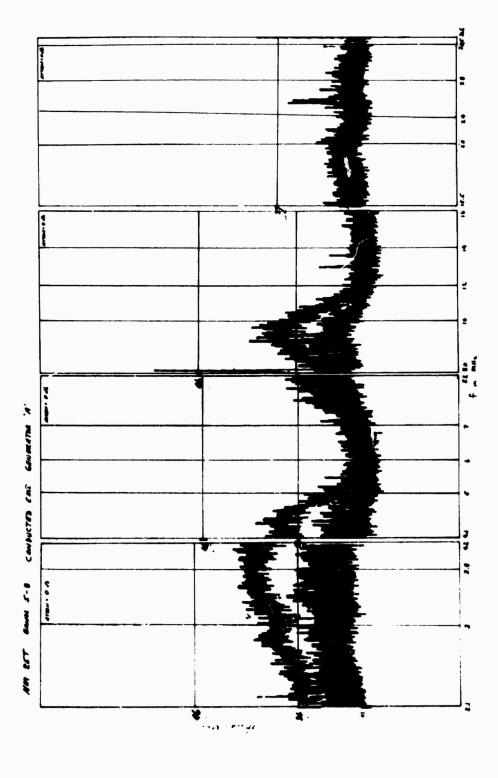


Figure A-3. Conducted EMI, 2.0 MHz-31.5 MHz.

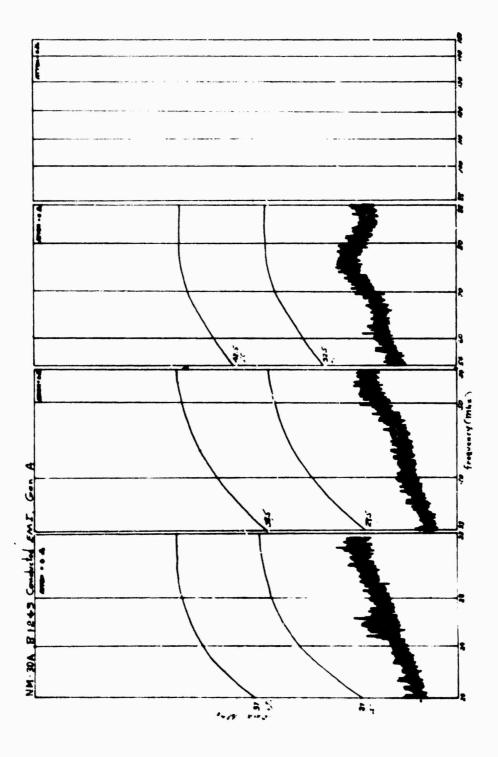


Figure A-4. Conducted EMI, 20 MHz-88 MHz.

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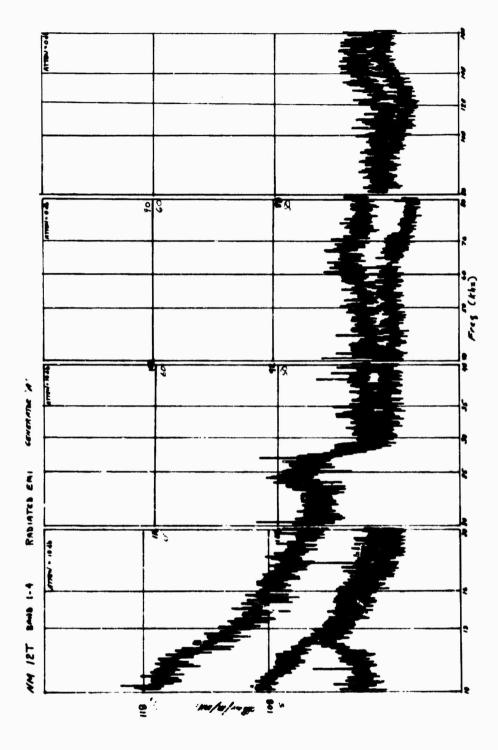


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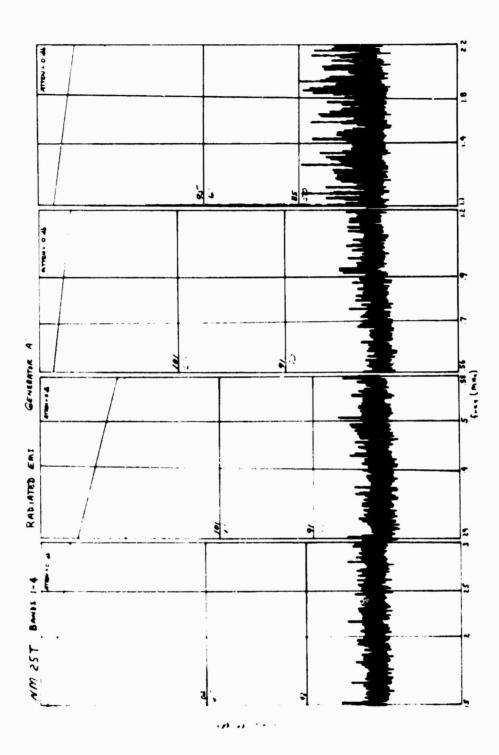


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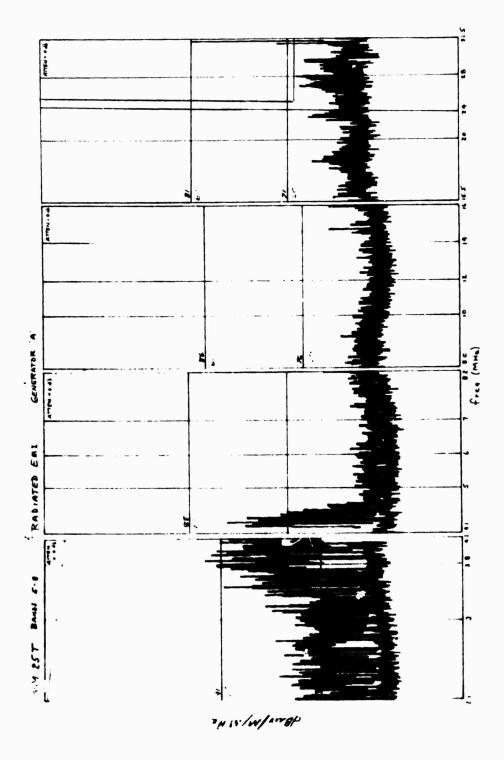


Figure A-7. Radiated EMI, 2 NHz-31.5 NHz.

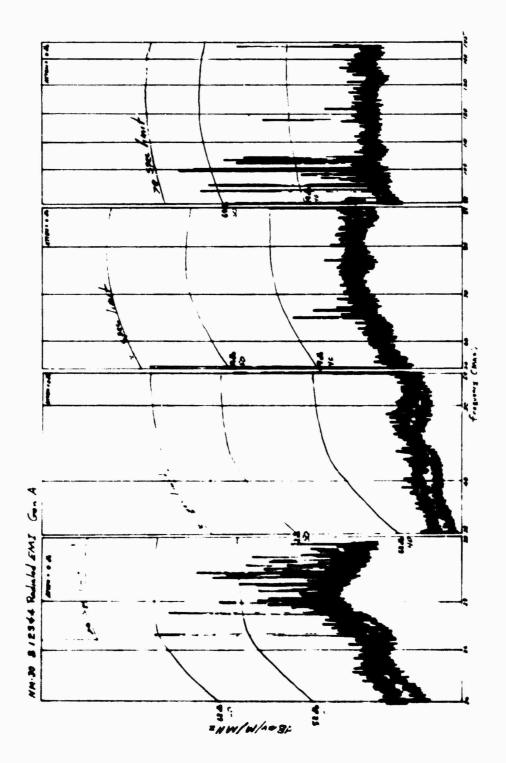


Figure A-8. Radiated EMI, 20 MHz-145 MHz.

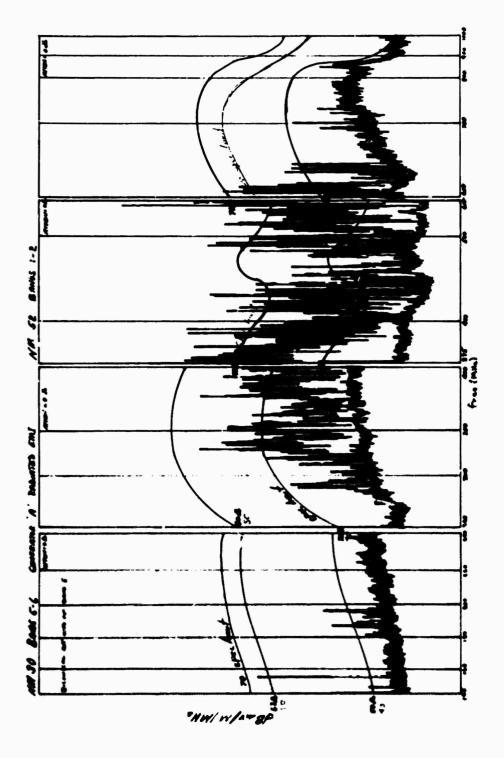


Figure A-9. Radiated EMI, 145 MHz-1000 MHz.

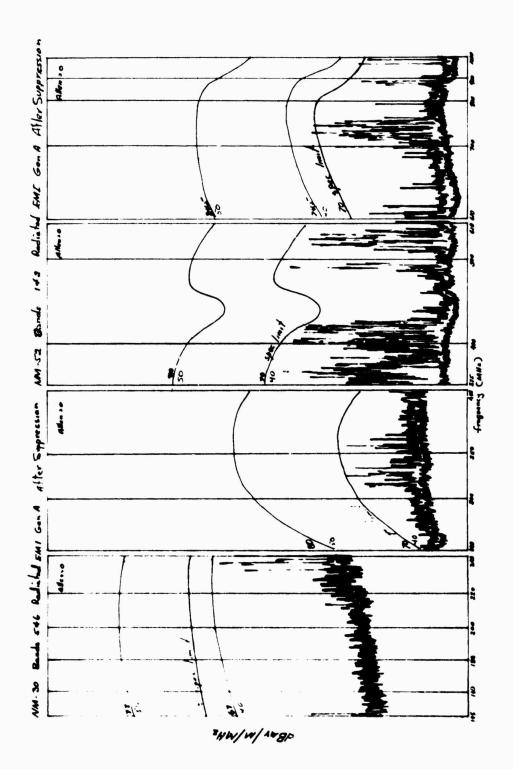


Figure A-10. Radiated EMI after suppression, 145 MHz-1000 MHz.